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**RESPONSE TO  
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Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed on March 17, 2004 in the above-identified U.S. patent application. Restriction has been required between claims 1-9 (Group I) or claims 10-11 (Group II).

Applicant hereby elects the invention of **Group I**  
(claims 1-9).

Examination and allowance of this application is  
respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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